

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation into  
Implementation of Assembly Bill 970 Regarding  
the Identification of Electric Transmission and  
Distribution Constraints, Actions to Resolve  
Those Constraints, and Related Matters Affecting  
the Reliability of Electric Supply.

Investigation 00-11-001  
(Filed November 2, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REGARDING  
SOLICITATIONS OF POTENTIAL RENEWABLE DEVELOPERS**

In Decision 04-06-013, the Commission adopted a methodology for consideration of transmission costs in Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurements. The adopted methodology provides, among other things, that the utilities undertake conceptual transmission studies based on solicitations of potential renewable developers, to the extent those developers do not have System Integration Studies and Facility Studies completed as part of the California Independent System Operator's interconnection process. In the solicitations, developers interested in participating in an upcoming RPS procurement are asked to provide basic interconnection information for the utilities' use in developing transmission cost estimates.

By this ruling, I require that Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company each undertake a solicitation to allow developers to submit information regarding their proposed projects' interconnection requirements, if its most recent solicitation was undertaken prior to March 1, 2005.

I am preparing a draft decision addressing issues related to transmission costs used in RPS procurements, based on the January 20-21, 2005 workshop and comments filed on the staff's workshop report. In anticipation of a requirement that the utilities file Transmission Ranking Cost Reports, each utility should undertake conceptual studies, as needed, based on solicitation responses.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. No later than June 10, 2005, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) shall each undertake a solicitation to obtain interconnection information from potential renewable developers needed to develop transmission cost estimates for use in evaluating Renewable Portfolio Standard bids, if its most recent solicitation was undertaken prior to March 1, 2005.
2. Interested developers of eligible renewable energy projects shall respond to the solicitations within 15 calendar days of the date of the solicitation.
3. PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E shall undertake conceptual transmission studies, if needed, based on responses to the solicitations.

Dated May 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHARLOTTE F. TERKEURST

Charlotte F. TerKeurst  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Solicitations of Potential Renewable Developers on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated May 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO  
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